



State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations  
**GUBERNATORIAL PROCLAMATION**

**Peace Corps Month: March 2011**

WHEREAS, the Peace Corps has become an enduring symbol of our nation's commitment to encourage progress, create opportunity, and expand development at the grassroots level in the developing world; and

WHEREAS, more than 200,000 Americans have served as Peace Corps Volunteers in 139 countries since 1961; and

WHEREAS, over the past 50 years, 900 men and women from the state of Rhode Island have responded to our nation's call to serve by joining the Peace Corps; and

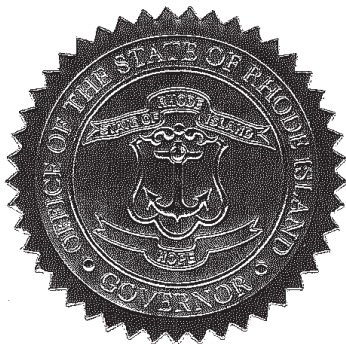
WHEREAS, Peace Corps Volunteers have made significant and lasting contributions around the world in agriculture, business development, information technology, education, health and HIV/AIDS, and the environment, and have improved the lives of individuals and communities around the world; and

WHEREAS, Peace Corps Volunteers have strengthened the ties of friendship and understanding between the people of the United States and those of other countries; and

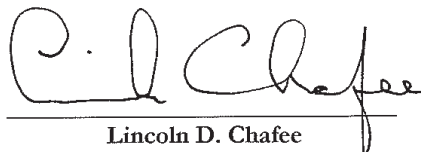
WHEREAS, Peace Corps Volunteers, enriched by their experiences overseas, have brought their communities throughout the United States a deeper understanding of other cultures and traditions, thereby bringing a domestic dividend to our nation; and

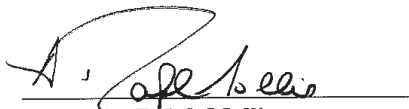
WHEREAS, it is indeed fitting to recognize the achievements of the Peace Corps and honor its Volunteers, past and present, and reaffirm our country's commitment to helping people help themselves throughout the world; now

THEREFORE, I, Lincoln D. Chafee, Governor of the State of Rhode Island, do hereby proclaim March 2011 as Peace Corps Month in the State of Rhode Island.



Given under my hand and the great seal of  
the State of Rhode Island and Providence  
Plantations, this 19<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2011

  
Lincoln D. Chafee  
Governor

  
A. Ralph Mollis  
Secretary of State